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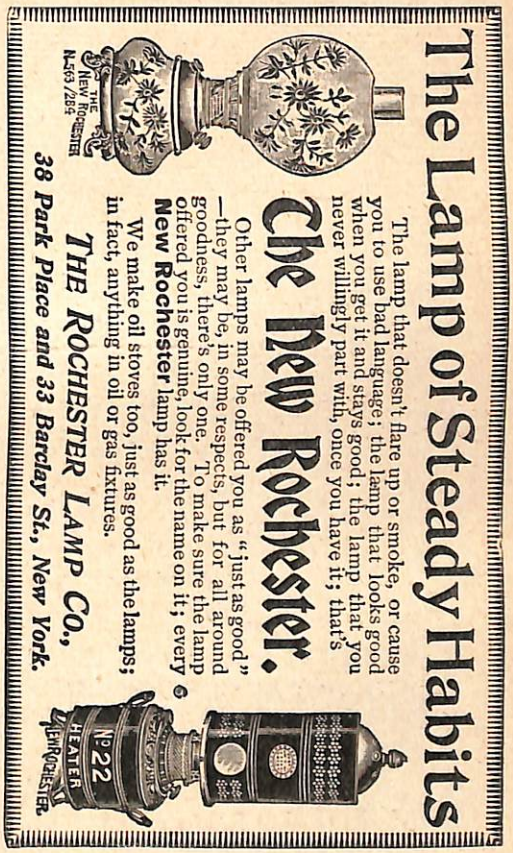
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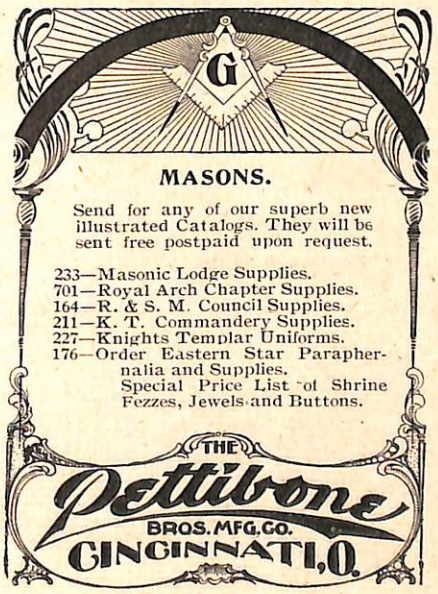
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AN ANCIENT DAUGHTER OF ISIS.

Among the Lodges.

Sixty-three degrees have been conferred in the lodge at Coon Rapids, the past year.

What Cheer lodge is selling a small gavel to assist in raising funds to pay a debt on their hall.

At Washington recently the lodge acted on one application for affiliation, passed one, and received eight petitions for the mysteries.

The funeral of Bro. Kouba, of Crescent No. 25, was held Sunday, May 26, 1901, with Masonic honors.

Washington has a fine floor plan for their Masonic hall; but it is Waterloo that has a most practical plan of stock company to erect, pay for and own a temple.

Detroit, Mich., has the most thoroughly well adapted temple in the United States, and it is without a peer in all its arrangements.

P. G. M. Lambert has been appointed to succeed Bro. Blackmar as trustee of the Grand Lodge charity fund.

The Grand Master informs us, verbally, that a number of dispensations for lodges have been issued the past year. By some means the information of the exact number has not reached us.

The *Standard* now claims for New York 106,235 Master Masons, and resources amounting to $2,353,912.11. What a power for good they may be.

Grand Master Chas. W. Mead, of New York, looks enough like P. M. Sheriff Martin Evans, of this county, to be his twin brother.

We wish we could have the Grand Lodge notes in time for this number, but it is not possible so we will have to leave it until July.

Away up at Peterson we found the brothers full of life and Masonic interest.

Grand Secretary Parvin still lingers (May 27) but is slowly and surely passing away. His fame will outlive him.

WARNING TO THE CRAFT.

Robert Brown, claiming to be a member of Griggsville Lodge No. 45, is traveling through western states and seeking assistance from the craft. The person is evidently a fraud, for there is no such individual a member of that lodge. The Masonic press will please copy—*Illinois Free-Mason.*

The Royal Arch.

We have no immediate information as to the health of Grand High Priest Hyatt, but were informed some weeks ago that he is greatly improved. This will be welcome news to his companions.

Past G. H. P. Beehler promised to "assist" at the meeting at Dubuque recently—but we saw nothing of him. *Mas bist du dote?*

The Council.

If the frequent presence of M. P. G. M. Dewey at various points indicates anything to this department we should say that some astonishing announcements will likely follow—*along about August*—in R. and S. M. circles. May labor be resumed in the S. V. everywhere.

Commanderies.

GRAND COMMANDERY.

Our people should not overlook the fact that Festal Week opens at Templar Park, this year on Sunday preceding July 9th; that the rooms are likely to become scarce and that those who would go must be getting ready. The usual low rates on all railroads will prevail and there is no question of its success. Visitors will be surprised to find a new pavilion added to the conveniences of the "Park."

June the first is the limit for the payment of room reservations and our readers are in danger of being late on receipt of this.

Sir F. W. Craig is the G. G., Des Moines, to whom all applications should be made.

Our old time friend Sir Knight Dr. S. S. Kilvington of Minneapolis, is the Grand Generalissimo of Minnesota for this year.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT ITEMS.

Of the $100,000.00 raised for the entertainment fund at Louisville, the two local commanderies contributed $11,000.00. Let the critic figure before complaining.

There will be room for all.

$20,000.00 will be spent in decorations.

A "floral arch" is to be one of the novelties of the "Tri-ennial."

Read our advertisements of the routes to travel.

At Marshalltown, May 15, we were present at the conferring of the Order of the Temple by E. Sir J. W. Wells, and he did it most creditably. A fine banquet followed.

Quite a number of South Dakota notables were at the Apollo Ascension ceremonies—Ill. Ed. T. Taubman 33, Inspector General of Aberdeen; Grand Commander Coughran and Recorder Knowles of Sioux Falls were here.

Past Grand Commanders Clements and Ercanbrack were also in attendance.

The Commandery at Cherokee had six in the Red Cross, April 22.

The Scottish Rite.

The effort to accomplish the merging of Iowa Consistery No. 2, of this city, with No. 1, of Clinton, has failed. Let not all the blame be attached here to No. 2 for we personally heard a loud-mouthed threat that we should not all be admitted to No. 1, and though we have now first spoken it abroad, others have had it and used it effectively for he who was to receive the knife happened to be old, well known and popular. His vote went for the merger but his brothers will not subject him to either annoyance or humiliation. Meanwhile, what shall become of No. 2?

We could do the rite more favors from time to time if their announcements reached us; but from No. 1 we get nothing; No. 3 usually late and from No 4 seldom or late.

The inquiries we have about the rite show that many are seeking knowledge thereof.

The Eastern Star.

As announced earlier, a circular is out from Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, G. G. Secretary for the tri-ennial meeting which will be held in Detroit, Mich, Sept. 27-30, 1901. Arrangements will be made for reduced rates on the railroads and it will be a great occasion.

We are always sorry to decline the calls made upon us for service in the interest of the order; but can only respond favorably when the time does not interfere with our regular duties in another fraternal field.

At Dubuque, May 23, we were compelled to decline attendance after visiting another lodge because of being absolutely ill.

Time has a habit of going right on while those who defy it get turned gray. We enjoy the developments of these latter days because Masonry is not sectarian and the sectarians have had a set back.

In view of recent events, some feeble calls have been heard for the organization of a general lodge, as if that were capable of attainment or could accomplish what is desired by its advocates. Diversity of ritual and interpretation of landmarks and usages cannot be so unified, and are not worth the cost of an effort foredoomed to failure.—Cornelius Hedges, Montana.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGE MEETS.
Davenport, June 4, 1901.

W. L. EATON.....Osage.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
General Grand (U. S.,) 1903.
Iowa, Grand, Davenport, 1901.
N. B. HYATT.....Webster City.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

ASSEMBLIES, R. & S. M.
General Grand (U. S.,)
Iowa, Grand Council, Davenport, Sept., 1901.
A. R. DEWEY.....Washington.....M. P. G. M
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 9, 1901.
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GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.) Sept. 27-30, 1901, Detroit, Mich.
Iowa, Oct. 24, 1901, Sioux City.
FREDA OPPENHEIMER Webster City GRAND MATRON
A. j. Small.....Des Moines.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Kansas City, Mo., June 11, 1901.
LOU B. WINSOR,..Reed City, Mich....IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
B. M. CLEVELAND.....Waterloo.....POTENTATE
John Wesley Geiger.....Cedar Rapids.....Recorder

MEETINGS AT HOME:

May 22 Dubuque	July 26	October 25
June 8, Kansas City trip	August 23	November 22
	September 27	December 11

The *Palestine Bulletin* has reduced to four pages but loads these to the brim with good material.

We acknowledge the receipt of a marked copy of the *Missouri Freemason* showing that "down in St. Louis" visitors are *not* excluded from either of the twenty-five *lodges* and we are glad to correct our share of the statement. But we thought it was correct at the time and that *one* lodge only was referred to which afterward reconsidered its action.

The General Assembly of the U. P. Church still considers Masonry and Odd Fellowship bars to heaven—well, it may be to theirs; but whose running the complimentaries to that resort? We want to know!

This humble monthly is not the "official organ" of any Masonic or so-constituted Masonic bodies; yet it has been going forward since 1893, striving to hold in remembrance the things that make for strength in Masonry.

Fortunately we are not bound by any one's views to withhold criticism or compliment and as a free and independent journal we will continue to speak out our views.

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The Mystic Shrine.

This number comes from the press on the date when we are grooming our camels for a race to the oasis of Kansas City.

Here's to Imperial—as is—Lou B. W. Winser, a worthy companion for his illustrious predecessors, and here's to Imperial—as is to be—Phil C. Shaffer of our own old state; may his reign equal that of the renowned Omar himself.

Es Salaam Aleikum.

ANOTHER SUCCESS.

El-Kahir Temple can well lay claim to another successful meeting, as she was at Dubuque, May 22, to conduct a class of thirty-eight across. Among the class was Hon D. B. Henderson, who took it all in from start to finish. The local committee did their work well.

Noble Charles Cushman of Buffalo, N.Y., declined re-election as S. G. W. of the Grand Lodge of his state, so was made an honorary P. G. M.—Charley is good for it.

Osman Temple gave a life-like picture of our own Noble E. E. Clark, along with Past Imperial John Atwood and Imperial Lou B. Winser with Osman's pote—all four flagging the girls as the O. R. C. R. R. hauls the car Saladin out of town (May 15). El-Kahir appreciates her sons being treated well and Clark is one of the boys.

High Priest Charles H. Heyzer of Mecca Temple recently conducted the ceremony of "christening" a baby camel of Sells Bros. & Forepaugh show in Madison Square Garden. Here's the formula:

"In the name of Allah the Merciful!

I christen thee Mecca. I bespeak for thee a long and happy life. Your mission will be to conduct weary pilgrims over the hot sands to the cooling oases. I trust that your conductor will see to it that you will hold on the rope; and that you will bring the weary pilgrim under the goodly dome of the Shrine Temple, where he will receive the rest, refreshment and treatment such as only Shriners can give.

"Allah be praised!"

Now let the bazoo's shrill note declaim against this new evidence of Shrine heresy—yea, in the name of the "doodah" reformers of Masonry, let 'em rip Heyzer up the back.

Noble James McGee, of Mecca, has a Masonic record nearly two columns long in the *Standard*, and "Jimmy" has the proud distinction of having been a representative to every Imperial Council since it was organized.

Aarat Temple, Kansas City, closes its financial period on April 1st, with $1,993.65 on hand.

CHARLEY WALES' "WALES."

Charley is a confirmed hotel man. He's gone and converted the old Lorimer of Dubuque into a fashionable modern hotel and he calls it the "Wales." We were his guest for a while on the 23rd and 24th of May, and we can testify that the same air of magnificence reigns where Charley rules. No matter who keeps hotel in Dubuque Charley Wales' "Wales" will see his old friends 'round "when the swallows homeward fly." Whoop for Charley!

Order of Isis.

The Daughters of Isis need not infer that the *intention* to distinguish this order has died because, forsooth, it is left outside the Temple walls. We are all still associated in El Kahir Court, and ere long will get matters in shape to confer the order wherever a number of daughters so desire it. Meanwhile, wait patiently.

SPLENDID MONUMENTS.

A number of new Masonic Temples have lately been erected in Illinois which stand as splendid monuments to our institution. They are commodious and handsomely furnished and are an evidence of thrift and progress.—*Illinois Freemason.*

Fraternities.

We have no sympathy with the hue and cry raised against fraternal insurance orders when they are founded upon right methods. This department is intended as devoted to their interest and we tell both sides by giving the facts.

The belligerent attitude of the younger fraternities in Iowa on the threat of retaliation against Illinois, is much of the kind that one listens to every year when commencement orations are sprouted. Better watch the signs of the times more closely.

The pioneer among fraternals, the old reliable A. O. U. W., organized in 1868 by a little party of Freemasons, has (in Iowa) adopted the "classified system" and thus guaranteed safety and perpetuation.

Now comes the Insurance Department of Indiana and *delays* permission for the "Endowment Rank K. of P." to continue business in that state. Read this:

"The Endowment Rank some time ago filed its regular report with the State Insurance Department. One feature of this report is an item which states that furniture the original cost of which was $44,950 has increased in value to $58,550.

"This report says that the Lexington Hotel property in Chicago, in which the order has invested $300,000, is worth $37,568 more than was paid for it. $200,000 is invested in Texas coal lands which are not mined.

"The report shows that the endowment rank is carrying a number of very old persons on its lists of policy holders. One man is ninety-one years old, two are eighty-nine, one is eighty-eight, two are eighty-seven and four are eighty-six.

"The statement on file with the Indiana Insurance Department shows that the death rate has been high. It is believed $100,000 will meet unpaid claims. The State Insurance Department says the organization will come out all right if more ably managed in a financial way."

Better weed out the political bossism that is prevalent and the Rank may survive.

VICTIM OF FOOL LODGE PLAY.

Waverly, Iowa, May 18—Mark Gillson, a young clerk in the postoffice here, has been lying in a stupor since Wednesday night when he was initiated into the mysteries of the Modern Woodmen. His collapse occured during that part of the "horse play" where the candidate is spun about strapped to a revolving wheel. Physicians were summoned, and after laboring with him nearly all morning without avail, took him to his home where he remains apparently in a deep stupor. His body bears no marks of violence and his condition is attributed merely to fright."

We advise any and all, to whom such nonsense bringeth pain, to institute proceedings against them at once, summarily and severally, as the foolkiller is too busy to get around on time.

The affairs of the Mason's Fraternal Accident Association of America will, on the order of the Massachusetts Insurance Commission, be placed in the hands of a receiver. Assets, $14,500, liabilities, $30,000. Extravagant management; costly equipment and lack of new business, says the *Examiner*. Let others take warning.

The American Legion of honor is in hard luck and a receiver will be appointed soon. —W. E.

Geo. B. Albert, late state man for the M. W. A., has accepted the presidency of the F. B. W. George knows what's when, too.

Ten new fraternals are reported in a paper we read the other day—yet the field is not covered.

Book Table and Invitations.

The Iowa Official Register for 1901 comes to us this month from the state capitol, Des Moines.

We were glad to attend even for a short time the conclave of St. Aldemar Commandery No. 30 K. T. at Marshalltown, May 14th. Invitation received.

From Gil. W. Barnard, "Sixteenth Annual Report of the Illinois Masons' Orphan's Home, 1900."

Wedding cards announcing the marriage of Bro. R. C. Jackson, S. D. of Trojan Lodge 548, Marion, to Grace Ellen McEwen have been received. Congratulations.

Wedding cards for the marriage of Miss Gretta Raber, sister of Bro. Lew W. Raber, of Omaha, April 30th, to Geo. W. Colwell, have been received. Benedictions.

From Richard Lambert, Proceeding of Grand bodies of Louisiana for 1901. Sir Richard has our thanks.

From Apollo Commandery 26, this city, to attend their ascension services and the conferring of the Order of the Temple in the evening upon Hon. Comp. John M. Redmond, mayor of the city.

OUR PICTURE.

This number of our journal is naturally intended to call attention to the fact that the Nobility of the Mystic Shrine and their ladies, the Daughters of Isis, will be on a pilgrimage to the movable "Mecca" of the Imperial Council. Whose "light of the harem" it is, we do not know, but from the cast of countenance we should opine that it would put the lights out to introduce that style of beauty into any real oriental home. Here's to the Daughters of Isis, both to those who go and those who remain at home.

"ORIGIN AND ANTIQUITY."

The 'steemed "American Tyler" is a splendid channel through which to air the views of those who imagine that a bewhiskered anciency must be proven for the Masonic institution to make its standing what it should be. We do not believe a word of the "fifth century" theory; but rather place it in the fifteenth and half into that when Masonry assumed anything like a united form. To the mystic it soothes his humble breast to paint with dream-dipped brush the hoary antiquity of his house, but to the more rational student of history it is the more satisfactory that the evidence points to a more modern era when the inward and not the outward qualifications go to show what the craft is rather than what it was before it came to be.

SELF-SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE.

The sooner all Grand, General Grand and Superlatively Grand bodies in Masonry or of Masons composed lead off in a wholesome reform in regard to being "entertained" at communications, convocations, assemblies, reunions, etcetera, the better it will be for all concerned. The rank and file of us have to shift for ourselves, pay exacting rates for the exalted privilege of being at "headquarters," and for a seat at the grand review—as well as pay throughout. The per capita goes to make the governing body possible. Why then not have the fad of taxing a city enough to feed and clothe all its poor for a year killed off and have a sensible independent settling of the whole matter upon the basis of facilities for which all pay alike and none excess. We don't mean to cut off compensations for services rendered but merely to cut down the cost for entertaining the few at the expense of the many. This may be pertinent but we know it will not be popular with the "free listers."

A QUESTION OF ETHICS.

Every man who goes into Masonry pays a stipulated sum for his degrees. This amount entitles him to a full return for his money. Not only does this mean that he is to receive the degrees in their entirety, but that proper instruction be given in all that pertains thereto, and this introduces the matter of suitable proficiency. The proper posting of candidates does not receive the attention in our lodges that it should. Candidates are rushed along, and the only thought seems to be to make them Master Masons. Examinations in open Lodge are too often a mere matter of form, and many a candidate is passed as proficient who could not satisfy the least exacting examining committee. An injustice is done every candidate not properly instructed, and the Master who accepts a poor examination is criminally negligent. No Mason can travel and receive Master's wages unless he is properly invested, and the Lodge which has accepted his money and not given him value received has not acted on the square.—*Illinois Freemason.*

MASONIC TITLES.

A title is an appellation of dignity or distinction given to persons or attached to their office as Duke, Her Majesty the Queen, His Excellency the President, though in America we give no political titles. It is obviously unseemly for these persons to refer to themselves as "Majesty," "Excellency," etc.

In Masonry we give the Master of a lodge the title of "Worshipful," and call him Worshipful Master; but it is improper and hardly becoming for the Master to style himself "Worshipful," or sign as "W. M." The name of the office is *Master* and so called in the oldest Masonic documents.

The title of the Grand Master is "Most Worshipful." The Deputy Grand Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary are "Right Worshipful," but the Grand Master don't sign his name "M. W. Gr. M." In a chapter the High Priest is "Excellent," and all others "companions," yet few seem to know it! The highest officer of the General Grand Chapter of the United States is simply "companion." True dignity needs very little embellishment. The tinsel is gaudy which suggests a doubt as to real worth or value.

In the Commandery the presiding officer is a Commander, titled "Eminent." To sign his name "E. C." would hardly be modest.—*Masonic Home Journal.*

Handed Out Hot.

The *Illinois Freemason* comments on what the *Standard* says about solicitation thus.

"Common decency should deter a companion or sir knight from making statements derogatory to the character of other bodies than the one he happens to be hustling for, but common decency seems to be unfortunately lacking from the makeup of of some of the zealous record breakers."

We're making a pretty collection of information on this point that will show that common decency is not in it with the vile wretch who drags every sacred relation of his brother Masons into unseemly notice in lying candidates to his local body.

THEIR FEET IN THE TROUGH.

There are in most societies, even this of ours, individuals who consider it their prerogative to assume the spirit of an animal that in all ages has stood for brutish, greedy selfishness—we think it is hard on the hog—and they seem to be bacterial in the facility with which their kind multiplies even under adverse circumstances. To exact unreasonable attentions officially, to torture a long-suffering order with the overbearing of a "past worthy" and present nuisance; to exact things peculiarly annoying simply because of self will and to keep the floor under all circumstances and at all times is, to say the least, ungentlemanly. We have in mind an instance where men of no unusual attainments must needs double the labors of an overworked officer simply to show that they can make him serve them *their way*; and another instance where for a brief day's tinsel a man forfeits the respect of his brothers ever after because of his selfishness. To all such let every brother say emphatically, "Keep your feet out of the trough."

PLAY FAIR.

For all the months past since the last Imperial Council a stack of information has been heaping up in regard to the methods of one noble whose ambition outruns his discretion, which when presented at the tribunal of either of the prerequisite orders will "frost the pie-plant" even if he escapes severe criticism at the present council. This noble smircher either shuts down on his present methods or we will publish him to the whole institution through this department.

CAREER AND CHARACTER OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

An address by Joseph Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain, on the career and character of Abraham Lincoln—his early life—his early struggles with the world—his character as developed in the later years of his life and his administration, which placed his name so high on the world's roll of honor and fame, has been published by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and may be had by sending six (6) cents in postage to F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

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